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For: METHOD AND COMPOSITION : Confirmation No.: 3954  
FOR FORMING A PROTECTIVE :  
COATING ON AN ASSAY :  
SUBSTRATE AND SUBSTRATE :  
PRODUCED BY THE SAME :  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

Sir:

This paper is being submitted with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination after submission of Applicants' Notice of Appeal on October 1, 2009. The 2-month time period for filing an Appeal Brief expired on December 1, 2009. Accordingly, a petition to extend the period an additional two (2) months is also being submitted herewith.

Applicants request entry of the following amendments to the claims. Upon entry, the claims pending for further proceedings will be those in the claim listing that begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.